

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR USE OF BAR CODES IN A SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Appl. No.:

09/815,580

Filing Date:

03/23/2001

Examiner:

Ahshik Kim

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2876

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- [] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Presen	3	Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	21	_	20	=	1	×	\$18.00	=	\$18.00
Independents:	3		3	_	0	×	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$280.00					=	\$0.00			
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:						=	\$18.00		

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$400.00	\$0.00
[X]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$920.00	\$920.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,440.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION	N FEE TOTAL:	\$920.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION	\$938.00	
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract	½ of above):	\$0.00
		TOTAL FEE:	\$938.00

- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$938.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$1,258.00 is enclosed. This is payment for Notice of Appeal (\$320); Petition for Third Month Extension of Time (\$920) and extra claim fee (\$18).
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the final Office Action dated June 28, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please add the following new claims to the application:

- 19. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the supply chain participant taking an electronic action relating to inventory management in response to the results of the tracking.
- 20. (New) The system of claim 7, further comprising a capability to take an electronic action relating to inventory management in response to the results of the tracking.
- 21. (New) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising computer code which, when executed, allows the supply chain participant to take an electronic action relating to inventory management in response to the results of the tracking.

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